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## UNIONISM UNSELFISH.

The allegation has frequently been made that trade unionists are selfish; that they are seeking to promote their own welfare, to the exclusion of those who are unorganized, yet every one who has observed and studied the trade union movement of our own times and of the times gone by knows that the most altruistic movement the world has ever produced is the trade union movement.—W. B. Wilson.

## RAILROAD MEN LOYAL.

Sure to Stand by Government in the Event of War.

If there shall be war with Germany the government may feel the most implicit confidence in the loyalty of the 400,000 members of the four railroad brotherhoods, says G. H. Sines, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

The present and coming periods of national crisis will not be used as a whip to extort favors or to kill any of the objectionable features of the president's railroad legislation. The best proof of this is in the fact that more than 1,000 members of the brotherhoods employed on Canadian railroads are now fighting on European battlefields, and the organizations have insured their lives to an amount in excess of \$3,000,000. We already have paid out \$220,000 in war death benefits. As an illustration of the patriotism of our Canadian members they immediately dropped a serious wage dispute with the Canadian Pacific railroad at the outbreak of the war. Action on this matter will be deferred until the war is over. The same procedure will be followed by the railroad men in this country.

During the Spanish-American war our members got behind the president to a man. I can say with emphasis that the labor conditions which confronted the British government at the outbreak of the war will not be duplicated in the United States.

## FIREMEN FORM UNION.

American Federation Has Granted Charter to Philadelphians.

The city firemen of Philadelphia, waiting in vain for some action on the part of council to alleviate the conditions under which they are compelled to work, have organized a labor union and received their charter from the American Federation of Labor.

The purpose of the organization is to better the working conditions of the firemen and to obtain a higher wage for the city's fire fighters. The demands are embodied in a bill introduced in the legislature in 1915, known as bill No. 17. It provides for a two platoon system, ten hours for the day shift and fourteen hours for the night shift. This bill, however, only applies to cities of the second class, and an effort will be made, with the support of the labor unions, to make this bill apply to Philadelphia.

The organization, which is open to firemen, drivers, hosemen, captains and lieutenants, will be known as City Firemen's union, local 15,410. According to Organizer Richie, this union is formed upon the same basis as the postal employees. They are not permitted to strike. Like organizations exist in Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Washington and Cleveland.

The organizer and the firemen who are enrolled believe that the organization soon will contain every fireman in the city bureau.

## ASSAILING LABOR LAW.

Stage Set to Lift Prohibition on Long Hours For Women.

At Albany the stage is set for the assassination of the labor law. The canners, who do not think fifty-four hours a week are enough for a woman to work, propose to force legislation to lift the prohibition. They tried it last year, but failed. Now, however, it is said the necessary votes are lined up.

The measure the canners are most anxious to have passed is the Bewley bill, which permits the working of employees overtime to make up for breakdowns in machinery. It turns over to the state industrial commission the power to regulate such overtime. The fact that at least one member of the commission is a manufacturer and active in the affairs of an association that is behind the Bewley bill does not necessarily mean anything. It is interesting, though.

It must be apparent to the dullest how the canners can make a joke of the labor law if such a hole is torn in it. The Bewley bill puts a premium on inefficiency in machinery maintenance. It should be beaten.—New York World.

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## TENNESSEE NEWS

### CUT TO THE QUICK

### FOR BUSY READERS

Directors and stockholders of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, elected Whiteford R. Cole, Chairman of the Board, to succeed the late Major E. C. Lewis.

Two armed men entered the First National Bank of Crossville, forced the cashier, assistant cashier and bookkeeper into the vault and got away with \$2,000.

The office of Dr. J. M. Parks, at Old Fort, near Benton, was broken into and about \$400 worth of morphine was stolen, also a valuable gold watch was taken.

Fort Oglethorpe has been designated as a recruiting depot for all regular army recruits enlisted at Knoxville, Nashville and Birmingham, according to instructions received by Major E. E. Walton, post commandant.

Governor Rye appointed Lewis S. Pope, of Blount county, member of the state board of control, succeeding W. T. Murray, of Chattanooga, whose term has expired. Mr. Pope is an attorney about forty years old and was a member of the senate in the last legislature. He is a life-long Democrat.

Final steps toward giving the Southern Railway system a double track line all the way from Washington to Atlanta, 649 miles, were taken when contracts were let for grading. In order that this work may be completed as rapidly as possible it was let in six sections, running from 5.8 miles to 18 miles in length.

Memphis cafes announced that in the future patriotic bills of fare will be served as follows: Greek pot roast, French fried potatoes, Russian goulash, Brazilian soup, Cuban salads, Guatemalan stewed chicken, Panama hash, American fried potatoes, southern home-grown yams, Japan or China teas. All German dishes are tabooed.

A \$500,000 issue of bonds by the Knox County Court, for the purpose of building a boulevard from Knoxville to Mascot, and also from Knoxville to the Blount County line in the direction of Maryville, was one of the last bills to become a law by the governor's signature before the Legislature adjourned.

Governor Rye appointed H. Knox Bryson, to succeed himself as agricultural commissioner, and appointed John E. Hite, of Sumner county, and Sam N. Warren, of Maury county, members of the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee. All of these appointments were announced in the senate and confirmed.

The movement inaugurated through the suggestion of a Morristown club woman for the establishment of a summer training camp for East Tennessee women has met with the enthusiastic approval. Letters have been pouring into the women's encampment committee by almost every mail, coming from all of the cities and towns in East Tennessee.

Robert Cotton and Luther Poston, of Knoxville, charged with violating the anti-liquor transportation clause of the "bone dry" law, were found guilty in the Circuit Court at Athens. Cotton was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Poston, alleged to have been in the employ of Cotton, was fined \$50, and also sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Carter County is to try out the theories of co-operation on Tuesday when every man, woman and child in the county is expected to begin to rid the county of flies. Miss Julia Reagan, county agent in home demonstrations, is calling upon the women especially to do their part. For the remainder of April the whole county will be mobilized against the fly.

Chancellor J. H. Kirkland has announced at Vanderbilt University that the university for the rest of the term would provide military training for students desiring to take it. The hours for drill are 4 to 6 p. m. daily. Two hundred students have enrolled themselves. The Nashville Manufacturers' Association pledged its membership to re-employ all employees enlisting in the navy.

The Johnson County Highway commission, acting in accordance with the vote of the citizens of that county in favor of a road bond issue of \$200,000, is taking steps to initiate its first active road construction. The first road to have consideration will be that leading from Mountain City to the Sullivan county line, a section rich in orchard products and noted also for its qualities for cattle grazing.

Armed guards protecting railroad bridges may shoot persons who may walk on such bridges, according to a statement just issued by Fairfax Harrison, of Washington, president of the Southern Railway. He calls attention to the public in this respect in order that those who have been in the habit of walking across railroad bridges, through tunnels, etc., may be aware of the danger if they persist in the practice.

One hundred seventy-six Tennessee farmers applied to the University of Tennessee during January and February for assistance in the keeping of books on the farm and have received the assistance asked for. During March a large number of others wrote in, but their requests have not yet been answered, due to increase interest in business methods for farming. It is pointed out the great value of keeping a simple system of accounts to use in planning the business.

Bankers, railroad men, agricultural experts, editors, manufacturers, educators and farmers from all parts of Tennessee conferred in Nashville on food preparedness. Agricultural authorities declared that less than one acre of potatoes to the farm has been planted in Tennessee.

Officials of Vanderbilt University announced the cancellation of all athletic events for the present season. This order affects track and baseball, and if the war continues football will also be banned. Dudley Field will be used as a drill ground for Vanderbilt students.

About 1,500 of the steel underframe box cars of an order of 3,500 such cars have been completed by the Lenoir City Car Works, Lenoir City, and the others will be finished as quickly as possible. The contract for these cars called for their delivery about March 1st. Temporarily the delivery of the finished cars has been stopped, but the work of completing them is going on as usual. The remaining two thousand cars will be ready for delivery within six months.

While a mobilization camp for Federal troops of the Southeastern Division will be located along the Atlantic coast, yet Knoxville has some chance of getting a similar camp in the fall. If the conscription law is put into effect, the considerably increased numbers will probably require such a station inland. The splendid climate of Knoxville, pure water, and other advantages, combine to make it an excellent location for a mobilization camp.

At a meeting in Memphis of more than 200 persons identified with the cotton trade and allied interests, an organization was formed to be known as the National Defense Auxiliary Association. The purpose of the association is to protect Federal, state, municipal and private property. Membership carries no obligation for active military or naval service and young men eligible for service in the fighting forces of the country will not be accepted.

Memphis people are absorbed in furthering the plans for the big bridge pageant, which is to be given May 23, 24 and 25. It promises to equal the magnificent pageant given in St. Louis last year. The author of the pageant drama is Mrs. Anna Robinson Watson, one of Memphis' most gifted women. Mrs. Robinson is widely known as a writer of both prose and verse. The pageant drama opens in a picturesque period and the treatment is intensely picturesque and is enriched by the most suggestive symbolism.

During the first six months of prohibition in Bristol, bank deposits have increased several hundred thousand dollars, and the business men generally concede that the city has never been more prosperous. This is true despite the fact that Bristol had become one of the largest mail order liquor shipping points in the South and the business was bringing a great deal of money to the city. Interstate shipping houses will go out of business on July 1, under the act of the Tennessee Legislature and the Federal "bone dry" law.

As far as is known, the planting of the Dixie highway at Grassy Valley, near Knoxville, is the first public road planting in the south. It wasn't just ordinary every day planting, it was landscape planting of shrubs and dogwood trees and things that birds love and the Federation of Women was just proud of the way the conservation chairman had planned it all. One sixth of a mile on the Dixie highway bears the Federation stamp, and the club expects to do wonders this spring in starting the beautification of the Dixie highway.

The managers of the Freight Traffic Bureau of the South will meet either in Atlanta on April 17th or in Chattanooga on April 20th to take action as to whether or not they will oppose the increase in freight rates asked for by railroads of the South, along with those of other parts of the country. The Chattanooga Manufacturers' Association has issued a call for a general meeting of Freight Bureau Managers of the South at Chattanooga on April 20th, and the Atlanta and Jacksonville Bureaus have sent out calls for a meeting at Atlanta on April 17th.

The new state military bill was signed by the governor and is in immediate effect. Officials say that to effect of the law is simply to make the state military law conform to that of the federal government, but that what the members of the national guard are called into the service of the United States again it will mean the virtual end of the national guard plan of the state. Had not this measure become a law, the whole state guard would have been mustered out of the service shortly following the end of the legislative session, or before the first of May.

Appeal from the judgment of the District Court at Memphis, awarding Matthew Harris, negro, Shelby county \$22,500 as compensatory damages and \$20,000 as punitive damages against Sheriff J. A. Richman and deputy was filed in Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati. The record in the case shows the officers went to Harris' home, demanded entrance and were refused. Throughout the night the deputies attempted various expedients to force Harris out of his house, including riddling the house with bullets and blowing the house up with dynamite. One of Harris' eyes was blown out, one of his hands shattered and his flesh torn to the bone from his thigh and upper arm. He was near death when captured, but recovered.

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## WORKERS PATRIOTIC.

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## TO H. S. MIZNER

Frank P. Senn et al. vs. East Tennessee Brewing Co. et al., State of Tennessee, In Chancery Court of Knox County. No. 1527

In this cause, it appearing from the bill filed which is sworn to, that the defendant, H. S. Mizner is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is ordered that said defendant appear before the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before the first Monday of May next, and make defense to said bill or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Independent for four successive weeks. This 30th day of March, 1917  
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## TO CHARLES JOHNSON

Gertrude Johnson vs. Charles Johnson State of Tennessee, In Chancery Court of Knox County No. 15239

In this cause, it appearing from the bill filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, Charles Johnson is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is ordered that said defendant appear before the Chancery Court, at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before the 1st Monday of May next, and make defense to said bill, or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. This notice will be published in the KNOXVILLE INDEPENDENT for four successive weeks. This 7th day of April 1917  
J. C. Ford, Clerk & Master  
R. A. Brown, Atty.  
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## HUMAN LIFE FIRST.

So Called Efficiency That Speeds Up Men to Breaking Point is Waste.

The inefficiency of "efficiency" has proved both costly and brutal. Every system of efficiency of the future must consider human life first. If human life is to be jeopardized by haste, don't hurry. If human life is to be sacrificed by speeding up efficiency, be less efficient. If the human body is to be maimed or destroyed in order to secure speed and power, get along with less power. This doctrine is not merely sentimental; it is more than a reflection of the woe and heartbreak that follow the cruel strokes of industry and traffic.

Human life is the only thing in the world that has any value; all other values are derived from serving this primary value. The asset of the average man, the only thing that stands between him and perhaps future dependence on charity, is his earning power. Some plan which capitalizes his future earning power, his physical strength, must be incorporated in the efficient industrial system of the future.

An enormous vitality gain has been achieved in the earlier stages of life. A much larger percentage reach maturity through improved methods of sanitation, but the human machine begins to go to pieces at fifty-five. It is the result of the heavy strain in the United States, a product of our modern life. It is the outgrowth of the worst form of inefficiency, of an attempt to be efficient without properly counting the cost.

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A man should be at his best up to seventy. If a man disappears at fifty-five he is inefficient, no matter what he has done before that time—inefficient because he has thrown away the ripe fruit of all his life.

It's inefficiency, though the man and the system may call it efficiency.—Darwin P. Kingsley, President New York Life Insurance Company.

## FRIENDLY TO JAPAN.

American Federation and Japanese Society to Work Together.

Establishment of "fraternal relations" between the American Federation of Labor and the Laborers' Friendly Society of Japan, the national labor organization there, has been announced from federation headquarters at Washington.

The establishment of "friendly relations" followed an extended visit to this country of Bunji Suzuki, president of the Laborers' Friendly society (Yokai-kai).

A cable message to Suzuki from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, follows: "The most important immediate duty of our labor movement is to use every influence in our power upon the governments of Japan and the United States to maintain best possible relations between our respective countries and endeavor amicably to solve vexatious problems."

## AWARD FOR WORKERS.

Pennsylvania Compensation Board Creates a Precedent.

An employee who is injured while on his way to reclothe himself, after having garments damaged while at work for his employer, is entitled to the protection of the Pennsylvania state compensation act, according to an opinion given by Commissioner John A. Scott in the case of Mahalia Bolden against Austin G. Greer.

The case is an unusual one and creates a precedent. Bolden was employed as a truck driver and in loading stone tore his clothing so badly it was impossible to continue work.

"A necessity to reclothe himself was thereby created that he might proceed with his work," says Mr. Scott. "To do this he was obliged to leave the place where he was working and go to such a place as he could obtain overalls. This was so closely connected with the effectual carrying out of his contract of employment as to be a part of it. . . . That he was hurt in following out what appears to us to be in the direct line of advancing the business of his employer is enough to throw about him the protection of section 301. The employer's appeal is dismissed."

## Power of the Label.

Suppose every man of the 3,000,000 trade unionists in this country considered it a crime to buy prison products or scab labor products; suppose the merchants knew every penny of the \$1,500,000,000 spent by these trade unionists would be spent only for union goods. What would you see? Every store in this broad land patronized by workingmen would have a big union label over its door. Merchants would themselves advertise the union label, and manufacturers would produce union products and hire union labor or go bankrupt. If union men bought right they would not have to strike so much.

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